



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF NEW MARLBOROUGH
OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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**Tara B White, Chair
Nathaniel H. Yohalem
Michele Shalaby
Board of Selectmen**

**Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting
June 23, 2014**

Board Members Present: Tara B. White, Chairman
Michele Shalaby
Nat Yohalem

Others Present: Sharon Fleck, Administrative Secretary

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen convened at 6:01 p.m.

The Board read the minutes. **After a discussion, a motion was made and seconded and so voted by all members to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2014 Selectmen's meeting, as amended.**

Appointments – The following have been appointed to their respective offices:

Office/ Officers	Term Expires
Board of Registrars	
Katherine M. Chretien	2014
Michelle Dawson	2014
Bette Ann Stalker	2014
Alicia Brazie	2014
Conservation Commission	
Ned Wilson	2014
Freddie Friedman	2014
John Srieber	2014
Vacant	
Vacant	
Board of Appeals	
Myron Jaffe, Co-Chair	2014
Jack Bellinger	2014
B. Daniel Litchfield	2014
Helen Liveten	2014
Vacant – Alternate	

Animal Control Officer	
John Springstube	2014
Animal Inspector	
Prudence Spaulding	2014
Sanitary Inspector	
Scott McFarland	2014
Board of Health Agent	
Visiting Nurse Assoc.	2014
Accounting Officer	
Tara B. White	2014
Tax Collector	
Caren J. Adams	2014
Town Treasurer	
Patricia Mielke	2014
Field Driver/Fence Viewer	
Prudence Spaulding	2014
Moth Superintendent	
Lawrence H. Davis, Jr.	2014
Burial/Soldier Grave Agent	
Courtney K. Turner	2014
Town Counsel	
Jeremia Pollard, Esq.	2014
Gas Inspector	
Robert Krupski	2014
Assistant Gas Inspector	
Donald Hopkins	2014
Pound Keeper	
John Springstube	2014
Plumbing Inspector	
Robert Krupski	2014
Assistant Plumbing Inspector	
Donald Hopkins	2014
Veterans Agent	
Laurie Hils	2014
Dog Officer	
John Springstube	2014
Building Inspector	
Thomas Carmody	2014
Wiring Inspector	
Richard Aliosi	2014
Alternate Wiring Inspector	
Michael Leining	2014
Emergency Management Director	
Edward Harvey	2014
Historical Commission	
John Sisson	2014
Claudette Callahan	2014
Helen Leveten	2014

Right-to-Know Officer	
Board of Selectmen	2014
Larry Burke, Asst.	2014
Regional Planning Commission Delegate	
James Mullen	2014
Alternate Regional Planning Commission	
Patricia Hardyman	2014
Lake Buel Restoration Preservation District Representative	
Christopher Hassett	2014
Council on Aging	
Prudence Spaulding	2014
Joan Hotaling	2014
Marsha Harvey	2014
Umpachene Park Commission	
Edgar Zukauskas	2014
Tom Billard	2014
Robert Twing	2014
Vacant	
Vacant	
Solid Waste Coordinator	
Roger Levine	2014
Finance Committee	
Patricia Mielke, Treasurer	2014
Technology Committee	
Tim Newman	2014
Vacant	
Vacant	

After a discussion, a motion was made and seconded and so voted by all members to appoint the above officers.

The following appointments were put on hold until the June 30, 2014 Selectmen's Meeting:

Police Chief *	
Scott Farrell	2014
Fire Chief *	
Charles Loring III	2014
Council on Aging**	
Candace Marks	2014

***A contract is required by June 30, 2014 for the Fire Chief. A motion was made, seconded and so voted to appoint Scott Farrell for a term through September 30, 2014.**

****The appointment of Candice Marks was contingent on her willingness to accept the position.**

EDM Town Hall Renovations – The Town is currently awaiting a quote for the renovation project.

Capital Planning Committee – A motion was made, seconded and so voted to appoint John Schreiber and William Hattendorf from the general public to the Capital Planning Committee.

Meeting with Representative Pignatelli and Senator Downing on July 14, 2014 – Chairman, Tara White spoke with Kerry Sullivan at Representative Pignatelli's office regarding having surrounding communities participate in the July 14, 2014 meeting, and she thought it was a very good idea. Kerry Sullivan requested a list of those communities we would extend an invitation to, so that those communities could be listed on Representative Pignatelli's and Senator Downing's website. Chairman White advised Kerry Sullivan of the towns that would be invited: Alford, Egremont, Monterey, Sheffield, Tyringham and Sandisfield. Although this will be an open meeting, a letter will be sent to these communities requesting they each send one member from their Board to this meeting. These communities will also be requested to send in their questions to the Town of New Marlborough by July 7, 2014, so that both Representative Pignatelli and Senator Downing can be prepared in advance of this meeting.

School Choice – Chairman White went to a meeting at Berkshire Hills on June 18, 2014 on School Choice reform. Most children chose School Choice because of convenience to fit the parent's work schedule. The State's average expenditure to educate a child is \$13,000.00. There are no plans for education reform at the State level, unless a lawsuit happens, or many districts get together to try and get it legislated. The local districts pay \$5,000.00 in and \$5,000.00 out for students coming in or going out to the school of their choice. The \$5,000.00 is controlled by the State; however, tuition is controlled by the school district. Many students choose Berkshire Hills Regional School District because of its vocational programs. Forty eight students from the New Marlborough district "choiced" into Monument Mountain High School. The Town of New Marlborough has a "School Choice" policy that will be discussed with David Hastings as this policy does affect the Town's bottom line.

Sossner/Maxfield Tree Issue – There is concern by the Maxfields that there is a tree on Sossner's property that is leaning toward their property. Although Sossner's property is in land court, Counsel has advised that the Town does not own the property and, therefore, the Town has no legal right to remove the tree. A letter will be written to the Maxfields advising them that the Town has no legal right to remove the tree, and that they should try to get in touch with the Sossners to discuss this issue.

Recycling – An email was received from the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility (SMRF) offering public education material on recycling. Based on population, the Town of New Marlborough can "buy" with points (no money) recycling "yes" and "no" materials. There are postcards and banners that can be purchased with these points that define what can be recycled now as well as how that will change when the Town gets its new compactor. In addition "free" educational information regarding recycling can be downloaded and included with a town mailing. Sharon Fleck will coordinate and order the necessary materials.

Transfer Station – Alvin Stalker and Bob Litchfield raised concerns about large trucks coming into the Transfer Station to dispose of construction material that, because of the quantity, is filling the dumpsters. Selectman Yohalem suggested that this situation be remedied by having residents, who hire contractors for building, demolition or remodeling, secure their own container. This remedy would require revising the Town's policy. This policy would still allow residents, who are doing their own remodeling, to bring small pick-up size trucks of building materials to the Transfer Station. This will be further discussed at the June 30, 2014 Selectmen's Meeting.

Southfield New Marlborough Road Sign – The sign near the Kolbourne School has disappeared and will not be replaced.

Internship Program - Selectman Yohalem expressed concern regarding having the application and job descriptions available by the June 30.

Real Estate Fee Proposal – Selectmen Yohalem suggested that a fee be imposed on the sale of property over \$1 million (or any arbitrary figure decided by the Board). The purchaser of the property would pay a percentage of the purchase price, perhaps 2%, but that also is an arbitrary number, that would be used for a specific purpose for the betterment of the Town, i.e. repair bridges, roads, etc. As an example, people who can afford to pay \$1 million or more for a home in New Marlborough should be able to pay a \$20,000.00 assessment for the good of the Town. In actuality, that \$20,000.00 would be tax deductible, which becomes \$13,000.00 or \$14,000.00, which also would be negotiated between the buyer and the seller. The actual out-of-pocket monies may only be \$6,000.00 or \$7,000.00. Selectman Yohalem will investigate with Town Counsel, Jeremia Pollard, to see whether or not the Town can impose such a policy, or whether or not the State would need to allow such a policy.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made, seconded and so voted by all members to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Sh Fleck', written in dark ink.

Sharon Fleck
Administrative Secretary